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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS NEXT DAY DELIVERY

PCS Phosphate Company, Inc. Potash Corp. Richard Atwood, General Manager 1530 NC Highway 306 South Aurora, NC 27806

Re: Special Notice Letter for the Ward Transformer Superfund Site located in

Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Atwood:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that settlement negotiations for the above-referenced Site are scheduled to close on March 23, 2009, and that your company is strongly encouraged to join the ongoing settlement discussions. EPA is currently in negotiations with 21 parties (Settling Defendants) for performance of the RD/RA for OU1 and the RI/FS for OU2, and reimbursement of Past Response Costs and Future Response Costs at the Site. As part of the settlement, EPA is offering an orphan share compromise of the Past Response Costs. Please note that an orphan share compromise of these costs will not be available at a later date for parties who refuse to join the settlement. Also, in response to several inquiries, EPA has no plans to offer a de minimis settlement.

For parties who refuse to join the settlement (Recalcitrant Parties), EPA is considering all enforcement options available including pursuing a cost recovery claim under 107 of CERCLA for un-reimbursed costs and issuing Unilateral Administrative Orders (UAOs) under Section 106(a) of CERCLA, requiring Recalcitrant Parties to perform the Work outlined in the Consent Decree and Record of Decision. If the Recalcitrant Parties refuse to comply with the UAO, EPA may pursue civil litigation to require compliance.

EPA is committed to pursuing as many potentially responsible parties as possible for this settlement and any future Site work that may be necessary. You are therefore encouraged to contact the Settling Defendant representatives listed below regarding participation in the settlement.



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You may also contact me at 404-562-9670 with any settlement-related questions.

Sincerely,

Matthew L. Hicks

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cc: R. Howard Grubbs, Womble Carlyle